

KEEPING PACE WITH SPORTING EVENTS

Matty And M'Graw Out For Mamaux

Cincinnati Manager Hot After Pitcher of Pittsburgh Team—New York Leader, With Longer Purse, Has Better Chance of Landing Star.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 31.—At Mamaux will wear a Red uniform next season if Christy Mathewson, manager of the Reds, has his way about it. Matty said yesterday that he would like to have him and will bid high for him. New York also is after him and the chances are that McGraw will get him via the longer pocketbook route.

Matty tried to get Al at the meeting of the National League, but could not persuade Dreyfus to part with him. The Red leader will attend the next National League meeting and make every effort to land him. Matty says he can correct Mamaux's one pitching fault, that of putting everything into the earlier innings and saving nothing for reserve, with the result that he usually is belted all around about the seventh inning.

Matty also declared himself strongly for the retention of Starwood Macie on the Red roster. "As near as I can figure out," said Mathewson, "Macie hit .324 during the time he was with the Cincinnati club. Any man who can rap them that way is too valuable to be dismissed. He can't be slowing up to any great extent when he can drive the ball for that sort of a percentage."

"I was surprised to hear that Macie was to be let out, and will confer with Mr. Herrmann on the subject. Of course I realize that we must trim our sails and exercise economy next season, but I don't think we ought to let go of Macie."

The Red leader smiled when asked if he would go back to the firing line next season, but did not deny that he might do so if it became absolutely necessary to help out a short handed team.

HUGGINS BOUND TO SIGN DEL PRATT

Miller Huggins, after spending Christmas at his home in Cincinnati, has returned to St. Louis to renew negotiations for the services of Derrell Pratt. No manager in recent years has made such a determined effort to land a particular player as Huggins has made in making for the St. Louis second baseman. The new manager of the Yankees has seen Pratt in action on numerous occasions and he makes no secret of the fact that he has a high regard of the player's ability. Huggins expects to close the deal on this deal of him in for all time. He plans to come directly to New York after finishing his current visit to the Mount City, and will spend most of his time at the Yankees' home office from early January until the players leave for the training camp at Macon in March.

BASEBALL HEADS IN CONFERENCE

Chicago, Dec. 31.—August Herrmann, chairman of the National Baseball Commission, is here to confer with President H. B. Johnson of the American League, on the division of the world's series money. Herrmann favors including the first seven clubs in each league in the cut-up of the receipts of the series.

RECTOR ANXIOUS TO FIGHT DE FOE AGAIN

New York, Dec. 31, 1917.

Sporting Editor, The Bridgeport Post, Bridgeport, Conn.: Dear Sir:—Now that Billy De Foe has again put over the K. O. on Eggers, what is to be done about meeting Young Rector of Jersey City, who has persistently challenged him, since the erstwhile St. Paul battler has made Bridgeport his habitat?

Rector was scheduled to meet De Foe, but through the inability of Joe Smith to locate him, Eggers jumped at the chance to battle with the Bridgeporter, much to his sorrow.

Rector has met De Foe on three occasions, and each and every time the milling has been mighty close between the boys except that Billy had a mighty close call from being counted out at the Clermont rink when Rector dropped him for a count of seven in the first round. Rector coming to De Foe's rescue and saving him in the tenth round kept Billy holding for dear life to keep him from being counted out.

Maybe De Foe will prove a good sport by agreeing to meet Rector again over the 12 round route, for if there is anyone that Rector can do, it is Billy De Foe.

Let's hope Billy will not follow in the footsteps of some friends, Young McAuliffe, who evaded meeting Rector in providing the, but finally fell, by meeting Eggers, who promptly put the damper on him by giving him the licking that Rector knew was due him.

HARVARD PLANS BIGGER SEASON FOR ATHLETICS

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 31.—Since last April, except for an "informal" football team, there has been little athletics at Harvard, but a movement forward is proposed for 1918. The Athletic association is sure to give all possible aid to sport, provided the students, as in football last fall, show they want it. While there will be no effort to put athletics on a before-the-war basis the coming year is sure to see much more competition than the one just passing out.

SIGN ARTICLES FOR MORAN-FULTON FIGHT

Ike Dorgan, manager of Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, announced last night that he had signed articles for a bout between the blond Pittsburgh boxer and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn. The men will meet in a 20-round contest at Dominick Torricelli's Tulane A. C. New Orleans, on Jan. 28. Moran is at present engaged as boxing instructor at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., and he will do most of his preparatory work for the Fulton bout at the Southern camp for soldiers.

Talk Of Sports

There are all sorts of ways of "doing your bit." Steve O'Neill, the Cleveland star catcher, is running a rivet machine in a Lackawanna Railroad shop this winter. Every little bit of riveting helps, you know.

With several players already exempted because of their having dependents, Frank Baker, above the draft age and Amanda Marsans outside its scope, the Yankees are sure to have the nucleus of a team even after the next draft.

The racing yacht Defiance that was such a flivver when put to the test is now in the hands of a new owner, N. C. Her present owners have taken the stick out of her and inserted a "kicker." With her beautiful lines and solid mahogany hull she looks decidedly out of place among the greasy vessels of the fishing fleet. The Defiance was built in 1914 by a syndicate of Boston sportsmen. She cost a pile of money, as only the best materials obtainable were used in her construction. While the trials, during which she competed with the Resolute and the vanitie, were on, the boat broke out and put an end to the prospect of an international race. The trials were sufficient to show, however, that the Defiance as a racing vessel was hopeless.

If the next army draft calls single men away from the major leagues it is probable that many veterans will again be seen in the big show. There will be room for Hans Wagner, LaJole, Johnny Evers, Hans Lobert, Eddie Plank, Sam Crawford, Fred Snodgrass, Chief Meyers, Mike Morrey, Ray Keating, Ed Sweeney, George McBride, Jim Lavender, Frank Schulte and many other oldtimers who have been crowded out of fast company by ambitious youngsters. In fact, players more than 31 will be in general demand.

EXPORTS SIX BILLION

Washington, Dec. 31.—America's exports were estimated today at the department of commerce to have passed the \$5,000,000,000 mark in 1917, a new high record. Imports were less than \$3,000,000,000 and the trade balance in favor of the United States probably will be more than \$2,150,000,000.

ALASKAN DOGS USED TO TRANSPORT AMMUNITION IN VOGES MOUNTAINS



Alaskan huskies being used to transport ammunition to the first lines in the Vosges mountains. These dogs, many of them from famous teams, were sent to France in the early days of the war.

ICE YACHT PARTY HAS CLOSE CALL

Red Bank, N. J., Dec. 31.—Despite the zero weather several ice yachts and the more enthusiastic devotees of the sport were out on the partly snow covered Shrewsbury.

While sailing in a gale off the Independent clubhouse this afternoon, I. T. Strauss' Silverheels, one of the South River Club challengers, which with the Princeton will race the Say When and Ingenue of the North Shrewsbury Club for the state championship on Thursday, was damaged by the breaking of the cockpit. The craft was blown in the air and came down with such force on the ice that the cockpit was split.

WLADEK ZBYSKO WILL APPEAR AT HARTFORD SHOW

Wladek Zbyszko, the great Polish wrestler, who recently took the world's title from Strangler Lewis, in the International Tournament in New York, is to appear in Hartford, on January 2d, for the first of a series of matches arranged for him in several big cities. On the same program will be Yussif Hussane, the wonderful Balkan matman, who gave Zbyszko such a tussle in Boston, Christmas night.

Zbyszko will appear in the main bout against Joe Stevens, a Westerner, who should prove a worthy opponent. Stevens is known as the American Apollo and is noted for his great speed, which forces an opponent to be on the alert every minute.

Zbyszko is starting on a long tour which will take in several big matches and it is his intention to defend the title against all comers. The gold championship belt which was awarded to Zbyszko through his victory over Lewis, will be shown to the local fans when he enters the ring for his match with Stevens.

Hussane will perform in the semi-final and for his opponent Promot Polard has secured a tartar in Tex McCarthy, who has appeared here on several occasions. Hussane ranks with the best men in the game and if McCarthy should succeed in taking his measure he will gain another step with the strong contenders for the title. It is easily evident that in these two matches will be seen four of the leading performers the game has produced and the card in every way should live up to the reputation of the wrestlers. In addition to the two big bouts there will be a preliminary contest between two fast youngsters.

FAMOUS FIGHTERS DIED DURING 1917

Numerous persons of considerable prominence in the boxing world have taken the final count in the year now drawing to a close. Robert Fitzsimmons, rated by many critics as the greatest fighter who ever drew on a glove, heads the list of those who have passed on. Les Darcy, who came to these shores just a year ago with the reputation of being the best middleweight of the age, died at Memphis in May after a sad experience here and before he ever had an opportunity to prove his worth. Al Bauer, the first "title" hope to gain serious consideration after Jack Johnson won the title, met a tragic fate, but long after his pugilistic star had set. Mike Glover, a former star among the lightweights and welterweights; Owen Zeigler, prominent about fifteen years ago in ring circles; and Patsy Cardiff, a heavyweight of the old days, were other boxers called by death. Charley White, referee in some of the most important contests for a quarter of a century; Bob Vernon, most prominent of stakeholders in recent years; and Dick Roche, who managed Jack Dempsey and other boxers, also were counted out by the Great Referee.

NAMED AS TRUSTEE.

Hartford, Dec. 28.—The Rev. Bernard Duggan of Thompson has been appointed trustee of the Connecticut School for Boys in Meriden in place of Henry J. Potter, resigned.

Thirty Norwegian sailors were lost when German submarines sunk five steamers.

Sherrod Smith, Dodger Twirler, Now in Army



Sherrod Smith, pitcher of the Brooklyn Nationals, has enlisted in the army and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta. Smith is the fourth Brooklyn pitcher to enter the service. Millyn and Cadore were drafted and Pfeffer enlisted in the navy. Brooklyn is now left with only three twirlers, all of them veterans—Coombs, Cheney and Marquard.

NEWARK TURNERS TACKLE RIBBONS AGAIN TOMORROW

The Newark Turners will play a return game against the Blue Ribbons at Colonial hall, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. A preliminary game will be played at 2:30. The line-up of the main game:

BLUE RIBBONS. TURNERS.
White Clinton Berkman
Ashmad Reich
Holman Leonard
Swenson Murray
Swenson Swenson

GOTCH ONCE VICTIM OF STRANGLE HOLD

Although Frank Gotch never met the original "Strangler" Lewis who had not sufficiently developed to warrant a match with the champion, the Humboldt man did not escape the strangle hold. It was applied to him in a contest at Madison Square Garden with Tom Jenkins on March 15, 1905. Jenkins won the championship from Gotch in this match and held it until May 23, 1906, when Gotch regained the title by beating Jenkins at Kansas City.

While the strangle hold had been generally barred at the time of the match in this city, Jenkins began choking the champion shortly after they took hold and there was no interference by the referee, the late Tim Hurst. Jenkins strangled Gotch till the champion turned over on his back in a state of collapse.

Gotch was seriously weakened by the strangle hold, but he bravely came out for the second fall and was an easy victim. Gotch is said to have used rough tactics in the Kansas City match with Jenkins and subjected him to severe usage.

One of the first bouts that Gotch wrestled was against a "ringer." Gotch had become a village celebrity and was the idol of the Humboldt lodge of Order of Woodmen. This lodge entered Gotch in an all-around event at a picnic of the order and confidently accepted the challenge of a "mysterious stranger" from a rival lodge.

The pair took hold at the fair grounds on a plot of ground which contained a layer of cinders beneath the turf. Soon the cinders began flying. If Gotch was surprised with the skill of the "mysterious stranger" smaller than himself but built on lines of great strength, the "stranger" was more surprised at the strength of what had been described to him as a "green farmer boy" for the "stranger" was none other than Dan McLeod, then in his prime.

Gotch eventually succumbed to McLeod's science in 1 hour and 41 minutes and 46 seconds, respectively, both by half Nelsons. The next day McLeod revealed his identity to Gotch and offered to supply an instructor for Frank. That instructor was Farmer Burns. To Burns is given credit for much of Gotch's later success.

ED. RUELBACH RETIRES.

Boston, Dec. 31.—Pitcher Ed Ruelbach of the Boston National baseball team, has received his unconditional release. It is understood that Ruelbach has a position with a manufacturing firm and does not plan to play baseball next season.

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NO NEW HOLDS IN WRESTLING GAME

Regarding the head lock that Strangler Lewis has been using recently, Dr. B. F. Roller has the following to say: "There are no new holds in wrestling. The head hold that Lewis has been using is not new. Joe Stecher did not invent the scissors, nor was the toe hold new with Gotch. A man simply appears upon the horizon who is physically able to use some particular hold better than all others. The fans think he has a new hold because he uses it all the time. It is not so. Every hold in wrestling has been known for hundreds of years. The next generation will see the same holds bob up again under new names."

Roller, incidentally, says he considers Lewis the best of the present day wrestlers.

NEW PLAN FOR DIVIDING MONEY IN WORLD'S SERIES

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A new system for dividing the money derived from the annual world series baseball games was expected to be announced when B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, and August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, met for a conference here today.

Johnson and Herrmann were appointed at the recent joint conference here of American and National league club owners to devise a plan for distribution of the world series money among a larger number of teams, in the hope, it was said, of stimulating interest in the game to the end of the season.

"UNCLE SAM COMES FIRST," SAYS LEONARD

Benny Leonard, the world's lightweight champion, is going to desert the ring. This doesn't mean that the popular champion has bid the canvas ropes and bell farewell. Far from that. Simply that he's going to work his young head of whipping recruits into shape at Camp Upton. And while he's doing this work he will pay little attention to the ebb and flow of the tide of the pugilistic ocean.

Benny's announcement was as follows: "Just a line to say hello. Back in good shape out here and I am going to stay here. And, believe me, I won't box for a long time, as Uncle Sam comes first."

U. S. FLYER IS KILLED IN TEST FLIGHT ABROAD

Paris, Dec. 31.—An American aviator was killed yesterday while making a test flight at an aviation center before French and American pilots and observation aviators. Although the wind was blowing violently he made a loop successfully, but on attempting to repeat the feat he fell. He was dying when picked up, but insisted on reporting to his American comrades with his last breath the observations which he had made.

BRITISH GAIN AT CAMBRAI

London, Dec. 31.—The British in successful counter attacks on the Cambrai have regained the more important territory on Welsh ridge, taken by the Germans in yesterday's attack, the war office reports.

Fresh eggs are high, strictly fresh eggs still higher, and as for recently laid eggs, has anybody seen one?

CUBS TRYING TO GET HERZOG FOR PLAYER KILDUFF

Weeghman Ready to Trade Young Star to Obtain Captain of Giant Team—Larry Doyle Slowing Up at Second Base and May Be Shifted to Vic Saier's Place at First—Owner of Chicagoans Making Big Gamble to Build Up Winning Organization.

New York, Dec. 31.—President Weeghman of the Chicago Cubs has sent a hurry call for his manager, Fred Mitchell, to seek his advice about parting with Pete Kilduff. The repeated offers of money to the Giants for Charley Herzog have all been turned down. Manager McGraw's last word to Weeghman is that he will not consider a cash offer for his captain and second baseman, but will let him go if Kilduff figures in the deal and comes back to the New York club.

Weeghman's latest plan is to get Herzog, even at the sacrifice of losing Kilduff, to play second base, while he plans to play Larry Doyle, the former captain of the Giants, at the first base. Doyle has slowed up a bit, and Mitchell figures that Laughlin and Mitchell would fill the bill at first base now that the Cubs have lost all claim to Vic Saier. The experience at first will not be new to Doyle, as he has covered the initial bag on more than one occasion in an emergency while a member of the Giants. Fred Merkle is to be used as an outfielder.

In his persistent attitude of paying out large sums of money to build up a strong club for next season Weeghman is taking a big gamble, and it is a question whether the optimists of the game in New York, Chicago and Boston are showing as much wisdom as the pessimists of Philadelphia and St. Louis. Weeghman and Frazee are

GOVERNMENT OF BOLSHEVIKI IS GROWING STRONG

London, Dec. 31.—The Bolshevik government is extremely efficient, energetic and decisive, though faced by a noisy opposition from the privileged classes who are doing all they can to check it by sabotage and libel, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News. The correspondent, who has just returned to Petrograd after a long visit to England, says that the city is more orderly than in some months before the Bolsheviks took control. The people may not like the Bolsheviks, he declares, but they obey them with startling alacrity, and the government is based on real force.

An instance of anti-Bolshevik libel, the correspondent declares, is the assertion that they are refusing to permit the opening of the constituent assembly. He says the Bolsheviks have nothing against the opening of the assembly as soon as a quorum can be formed by the presence of 400 delegates. Up to Friday, however, only 291 properly accredited delegates were in Petrograd. He adds that the government has nothing to fear from an immediate convening of the assembly were that possible.

The constituent assembly, he hears, will meet as soon as delegates from the Ukraine arrive, perhaps in 10 days. He asserts that whatever is the decision of the assembly as constituted at present, it will not alter the essential direction of Russian policy although it might, by weaken-

ing the government at home, weaken it in its dealings with the Germans. Any attempt to turn out the Bolshevik government by force would result only in anarchy favorable to the Germans, says the correspondent, who does not believe that such force is available. He writes enthusiastically about Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, who told him that the war would be decided by social rather than by military pressure. Trotsky is quoted as saying:

"The German democracy looks to the Russian revolution. It is the recognition of this fact that compels the German government to accept Russian principles as the basis for negotiations."

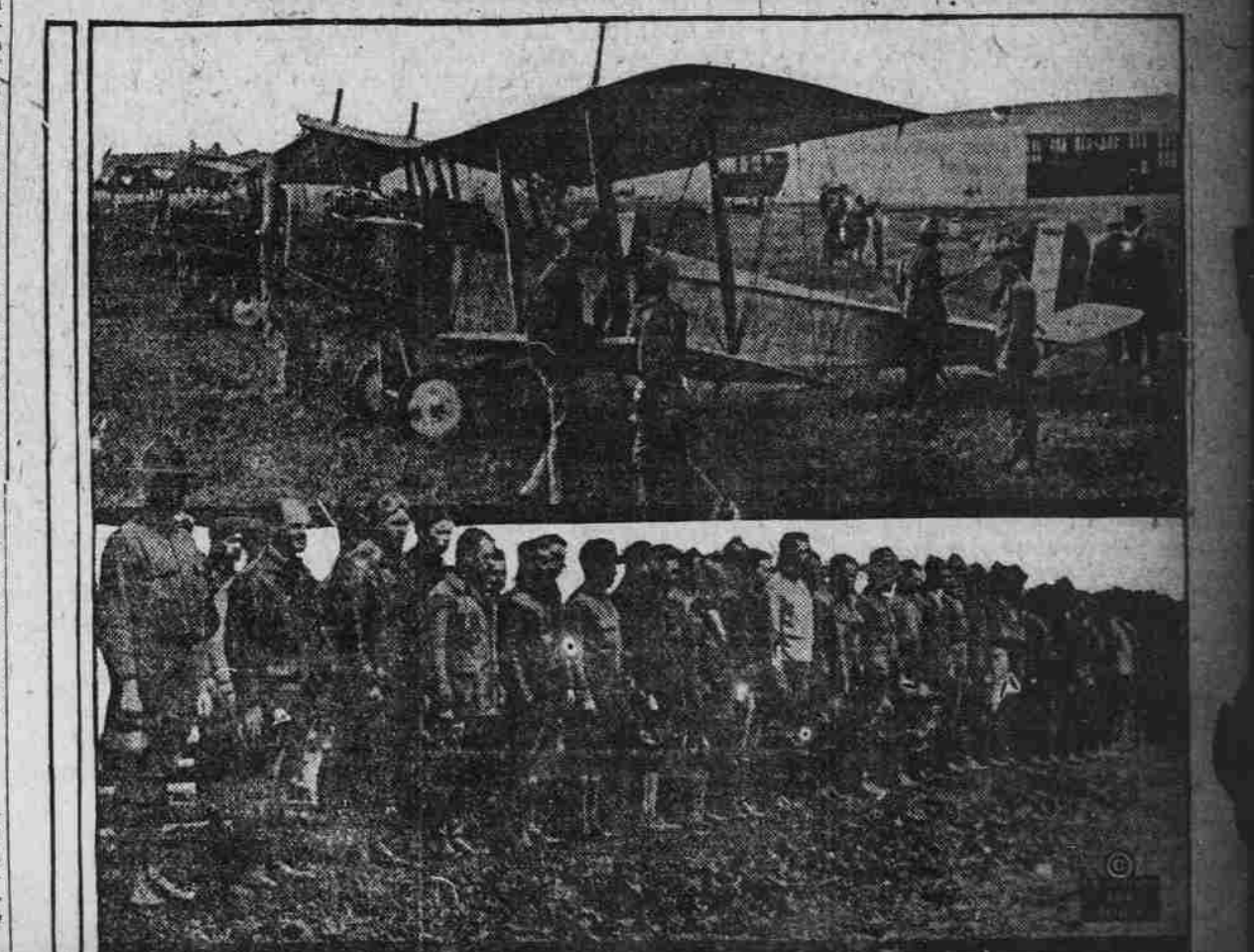
Trotsky said the German offer was a victory for the democratic movement generally, not only of the Russian and German democracy. Austria, he said, is on the point of revolt, and every country in Europe is feeling the pressure of democracy from below. The German attitude, Trotsky added, means that the German government is wiser than most governments, because it recognizes real factors.

Democratic pressure, Trotsky is quoted as adding, forced the Germans to reject their grandiose plans of conquest and to accept the peace in which there are neither conquerors nor conquered. He admitted, however, that such a peace could hardly be achieved unless the Entente allies join the negotiations.

Pro-Ally Russians, the correspondent says, feel that Germany's terms offered at Brest Litovsk were for the purpose of confounding the Allies and winning sympathy. These Russians oppose a separate peace but say the next word belongs to the Allies.

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WHERE ONE THOUSAND INSTRUCTED AMERICAN AVIATORS ARE BEING TURNED OUT EACH MONTH



Scenes at one of the American army flying fields where nearly 1,000 well-trained aviators are turned out each month. Above are the airplanes lined up ready for flights, and below are the student aviators ready for inspection.